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10 MAR 1949

The Honorable Carl Vinson  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wish to express to you my very sincere appreciation for the magnificent manner in which your Committee has handled the CIA legislation. Needless to say, we are more than pleased that H.R. 2663 has passed the House. Your understanding of the problems of this Agency, both in connection with this legislation and otherwise, and, in fact, the assistance we have received from your whole Committee and the members of its staff has been very gratifying to us.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. H. HILLENKOETTER  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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The Honorable Dewey Short  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Short:

I wish to express to you my most sincere appreciation for all that you did in securing the passage by the House of the Central Intelligence Agency bill, H.R. 2663.

Your interest and thoughtfulness at all the committee hearings, both this year and last, were extremely helpful to us. Your remarks before the House Rules Committee in support of our bill were instrumental in bringing it to the Floor with every safeguard for its security.

I have read with great interest the debate on the Floor, and in particular your remarks in refuting the arguments of the opposition. I am sure that your leadership in this respect was a major factor in securing the bill's passage virtually without a dissenting vote.

In addition, the confidence in me and in this Agency which you expressed to Mr. Pforzheimer is a source of the greatest personal gratification to me. I hope that we may all continue to merit your confidence in every respect.

With renewed thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

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